

Application S/N 10/607,009
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-11, 13-14 and 16-17 remain pending in the application, as claims 12 and 15 have been canceled without prejudice. Independent claim 1 has been amended to recite that the biometric reader is incorporated in a garment opening mechanism. Although claim 1 has been amended further by deleting the recitation that the authentication unit is embedded within a garment, the present structure of claim 1 is similar to the original dependent claim 6, which, in the first Office Action dated February 9, 2005, the Examiner merely objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Independent claim 13 has been amended in a similar fashion. Also, dependent claims 6-8 have been amended merely to reflect the amendments of claim 1.

In view of the above, Applicant believes that independent claims 1, 11 and 13 are patentable over the prior art. Applicant also believes that those claims that depend from independent claims 1, 11 and 13 are patentable, both based on their dependencies on the independent claims and their patentability on their own. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of the claims is respectfully requested. Passing of this case is now believed to be in order, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

No amendment made was related to the statutory requirements of patentability unless expressly stated herein. No amendment made was for the purpose of narrowing the scope of any claim, unless Applicant has argued herein that such amendment was made to distinguish over a particular reference or combination of references.

In the event that the Examiner deems the present application non-allowable, it is requested that the Examiner telephone the Applicant's attorney or agent at the number

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indicated below so that the prosecution of the present case may be advanced by the clarification of any continuing rejection.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any necessary fee, or credit any overpayment, to Motorola, Inc. Deposit Account No. 50-2117.

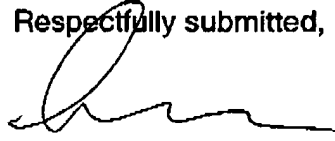
Respectfully submitted,

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